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Hal and Russ:

SG11

Despite the lousy connection, it was good to hear from you and [REDACTED] the other day and to learn that he had begun doing his thing with our friends. I hope it started off well. It is in the context of his work that I'd like to pursue the suggestion I alluded to on the phone. Please believe that we don't want to complicate your lives by changing signals--but it occurs to us that, especially if you have someone there who is familiar with the package already, it might actually simplify matters considerably and replace much of what we'd listed under the 'behavioral' domain. The decision whether to use all or part of it is, naturally, up to you and should be guided by your local conditions and resources--especially since it would be imperative to have a tester well-versed in the particular instruments (someone, for instance, like Dr Karl Pribram at the Stanford Medical School).

The instrument in question is called the HALSTEAD-REITAN Neuropsychology Test Battery and consists of the following:

- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
- The Halstead-Reitan Sub-Scales, which include:
  - Category Recognition Test
  - Tactual Performance Test
  - Seashore Rhythm Test
  - Speech Sounds Perception Test
  - Finger Tapping Test
  - Trail Making Test
  - Dynamometer Test
  - Halstead-Wepman Aphasia Screening Test

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done by [REDACTED]  
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As you might judge from the names of the sub-tests, the battery is designed to give a rather comprehensive picture of the sensory, motor, cognitive capabilities--with the intent of tying the performance (i.e., deficiencies) to identifiable parts of the nervous system. [REDACTED] tells me that the Langley-Porter Clinic, which is apparently located near you, could almost certainly handle it. Its major virtue is that evidence from it should tend to fit very neatly into the evidence accruing from the other (mid-performance) neurophysiological data. And, if [REDACTED] can handle the in-depth interviews as well as the PAS testing, it would leave you with very little to cover in the behavioral area--other than those few tests which Halstead-Reitan doesn't cover: Projection Tests, Aptitude-Values Tests, Suggestibility Tests, and Field Dependency (or Embedded Figure) Tests.

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Please let us know how you react to the idea and whether it seems feasible--and, in any case, we'd like to hear from you regarding your post-conference views, plans and arrangements with respect to the entire 'basic research' shopping-list that we discussed. For instance, does it all seem feasible or have you run into any problems with respect to gear or personnel? How do you envisage phasing it into the overall program? Have you had any resistance from the subjects?

Regards,